

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

*Tuesday, July 2, 2013  
Regular Meeting Minutes*

- I. **Roll Call: 6:45 pm**  
Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Lee-Goodman, Malik, McDonell, Tyler  
Absent: Sowell  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
Police Liaison: Det. Gasca
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley**  
Chair Dagley welcomed all present.
- III. **Public Comments:** None.
- IV. **Special Reports/Presentations:**  
Iosefa Alofaituli, Oak View Renewal Partnership (OVRP) Executive Director, presented an overview of the services offered in the Oak View community. Founded in 2005, OVRP is a place-based non-profit organization that's mission is to narrow the gap between Oak View residents and the greater community, while serving as a model for community development. The five specific areas addressed by the OVRP are public safety, education, housing, health and jobs. One of the major strengths of this program is the partnerships it has formed with community groups to enhance the lives of residents of the Ocean View community. An example of this is El Viento, a college prep program that starts with 4<sup>th</sup> graders and continues through college; it currently has about 170 students involved. Some other notable partnerships are the Oak View Youth Soccer League, Goodwill of Orange County, Homework Club and the Huntington Beach Police Department. Alofaituli reports that there is still much work to be done, especially in the areas of job creation and housing. There is a focus to address childhood obesity and improving academic performance in the elementary school. Dagley will contact Alofaituli and begin dialogue to determine how HRTF can work to support the OVRP.
- V. **Approve Minutes:**  
***Motion to approve June 4, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved, McDonell; Seconded Knowles***  
***Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Sowell). Motion Approved.***
- VI. **Status Reports:**
  1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:  
Detective Gasca reported that there were no hate crimes in June.
  2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:  
Knowles reported that the CC is dark until October 2013.
  3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:  
Malik distributed the OC Human Relations 2012 Hate Crime Report. She reported that though funding is still a major issue, OCHR is managing to provide the needed services in the county.
  4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:  
Dagley reported that HB Reads is still in the process of reading books and is accepting suggestions from the community. Two students have joined the HB Reads, one from Ocean View and one from Marina High School.
  5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:  
Kuhnke reported the balance as unchanged at \$1,928.86.
- VII. **Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:**
  1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:  
Fundraising efforts are pending until program needs have been further developed. Members include Dagley and Knowles. As soon as dates have been set for the MOT trips, funding outreach will commence

to community groups.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Garrick reported that the program is dark in the summer. They will form a new group in September.

3. Report from Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Trips Committee

Lee-Goodman reported that HRTF can have as many tickets as needed, as long as request is made prior to day of attendance. Garrick distributed a fact sheet on the proposed field trips and reported that Valley Vista, Ocean View and Westminster High Schools have all made commitments to sending students to the MOT. Valley Vista would like to attend in November; Westminster and Ocean View in the spring, to enhance particular classroom curriculum. It will cost approximately \$ 500 to send a bus of 55 students; less for a smaller busload. This includes the cost of a substitute teacher. HRTF will commit funds when specific dates are confirmed.

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

1. Status of vacancies on HRTF

Dagley reported that Sowell has resigned as she will be relocating which creates two openings. Kuhnke reported that with the additional resignation she will hold the application submittal period open a couple more weeks so that both vacancies can be approved by the City Council at the same time.

2. Follow up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti -bullying laws

McDonnell reported that according to the California Healthy Kids Resource Center, some of school districts have reported the numbers of bullying suspensions for the school year 2012-2013. Included were Westminster Elementary (17); Ocean View (19); Huntington Beach City (3); HB Union High School (33); Fountain Valley (no report). Since data is still forthcoming, it is early to make initial findings however, it appears that many of the schools are still focusing on identification rather than prevention.

3. Follow up regarding possible program to purchase diversity books for school libraries

Suspended for now due to Sowell's resignation. Lee-Goodman volunteered to take over this program.

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Lee Goodman asked about the history of providing training to the community on human relations and cultural diversity and offered to develop training programs if needed. It was discussed that OC Human Relations has, in the past, provided community training. Knowles suggested that we explore the possibility of doing presentations to community organizations.

**Adjournment at 8:40 pm to: August 6, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm**